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Unless otherwise stated prices shown below cover wholesale sales to local and nearby retailers to 2:00 p.m. today on stock of generally good merchantable quality and condition. Weather: CLOUDY 39 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 56.

MARKET COMMENT: Trading moderate.
Most major ornamentals remained generally unchanged.

CUT FLOWERS

Terminal Prices as of April 24, 2003

ALSTROEMERIA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY

per bunch
CA Assorted Colors
Fcy 5.00-5.50
occas higher & lower
CB Assorted Colors
Sel 5.00-5.50
Fcy 4.00-5.00
mostly 4.50
occas higher & lower

ANTHURIUM: MARKET STEADY

per stem
CR Standard Type
Pink
ex lge 3.00-3.50
few lower
lge 2.25-2.75
few lower
med 1.85-2.25
sml 1.35-1.50
Red
ex lge 2.75-3.50
lge 2.10-2.50
occas higher
med 1.65-2.00
few lower
sml 1.25-1.50
Miniature Type
Pink .90-1.25
Red .75-1.25
HI Standard Type
Red Varieties
ex lge 2.25-2.50
occas lower
lge 2.00-2.25
occas higher
med 1.50-2.00
few lower
sml 1.00-1.50

occas lower

ASTER: MARKET STEADY

per stem
CA Beauty .40-.45
occas lower
per bunch
CA Rainbow 4.00-4.50
occas lower
Matsumoto 4.00-5.00
mostly 4.50
occas higher & lower
Monte Casino
Lavender 5.50-6.00
few lower
White 5.50-6.00
few lower
MX Monte Casino
Lavender 6.00
occas lower
White 6.00
occas lower
NL Monte Casino
Lavender 5.00
occas lower
White 5.00
occas lower

BANKSIA: MARKET STEADY

per stem
CA Various Varieties 4.00-4.50
occas lower

BELLS OF IRELAND (MOLUCELLA): MARKET STEADY

per bunch
CA 7.00-7.50
occas lower

BIRD OF PARADISE (STRELITZIA):

MARKET ABOUT STEADY

per stem
CA Fcy 1.90
CR Sel 1.85-1.95
Fcy 1.65
few higher

BOUVARDIA: MARKET STEADY

bunched 10s
CA Assorted Colors 8.00-8.50
few lower
NL Assorted Colors 7.50-8.50
occas lower

CALLA (ZANTEDESCHIA): MARKET ABOUT STEADY

per stem
CA Standard Type 2.50-3.00
few higher & lower
Miniature Type 1.85-2.00
few higher
CB Standard Type 1.75-2.00
few higher
NL Miniature Type 1.50
few lower

CARNATIONS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY

per stem
CA Fcy .32-.37
few higher
Std .20-.25
few higher
CB Sel .32-.34
occas lower
Fcy .25-.30
occas higher
Std .20-.25
occas lower

CARNATIONS, MINIATURE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY

per bunch
CA 3.50-4.00
few 3.00
CB 3.00-4.00

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY

per stem
CA Standard
ex lge .95-1.00
few lower
bunched 10s
CA Disbud
Rover 6.00-6.50
few lower
Spider 5.00-5.50
mostly 5.00
occas higher
CB Disbud
Spider 5.00-5.50
mostly 5.50
few 6.50

CORNFLOWER: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	Million Stars	7.00-7.50	bunched 10s	
CA	few lower		CA Asiatic Type	7.50-8.50
bunched 10s	New Love	6.00-6.50	occas lower	
CA	GYPSY (DIANTHUS HYBRID): MARKET ABOUT STEADY		per stem	
DAISIES: MARKET STEADY	per bunch		CA Oriental Type	
bunched 10s	CA	5.50-6.00	Stargazer	2.25-2.50
CA Marguerites	occas lower		few lower	
few higher & lower	HEATHER: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		White Varieties	1.70
DELPHINIUM: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	per bunch		NL Oriental Type	
per bunch	CA Persoluta	7.25-7.50	Stargazer	1.90
CA Belladonna	few	6.50	few lower	
med	Sunset	8.00-8.50	LISIANTHUS (EUSTOMA): MARKET ABOUT STEADY	
few	HELICONIA: MARKET STEADY		per bunch	
bunched 10s	per stem		CA	9.00-9.50
CA Hybrid	CR Upright Type		occas higher	
long	long	5.50	ORCHID-CYMBIDIUM: MARKET STEADY boxed	
few lower	Hanging Type		per bloom	
Volkerfrieden	long	6.50	CA Standard Type	2.50-3.00
med	HYDRANGEA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		mostly	2.75
few higher	per bunch		ORCHID-OTHERS: MARKET STEADY	
FREESIA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	CA Various Varieties		per bloom	
bunched 10s	short	3.50-4.50	IL Cattleyas	
CA	some	5.50	Lavender	
few lower	CB Various Varieties		lge	3.50
NL	short	3.50	some	3.25
occas higher	few lower		med	3.00-4.00
GARDENIA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	IRIS, DUTCH TYPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		White	
per bloom	bunched 10s		med	4.00
CA	CA Various Varieties	4.50-5.50	sml	4.25
GERBERA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	few lower		per spray	
per stem	KANGAROO PAW: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		HI Dendrobium	
CA Standard Type	per bunch		Lavender	1.00-1.50
few higher	CB long	6.50-7.00	few	.85
NL Standard Type	LARKSPUR (CONSOLIDA): MARKET ABOUT STEADY		Purple	1.00-1.50
GINGER (ALPINIA): MARKET STEADY	bunched 10s		few lower	
per stem	CA	7.50-8.50	White	1.00-1.50
CR Red Type	few lower		few lower	
ex long	LEPTOSPERMUM: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		IL Phalaenopsis	4.50
occas higher	per bunch		NL Dendrobium	
long	CA	6.00-7.00	Lavender	.85
occas higher & lower	occas higher		White	.85
med	LEUCOSPERMUM (PIN CUSHION): MARKET ABOUT STEADY		Red	.95
occas higher & lower	per stem		POMPONS: MARKET STEADY	
short	CA	1.85-1.95	per bunch	
occas higher & lower	NL Various Varieties	1.75	CA Assorted Varieties	2.50-3.00
Pink Type	LIATRIS: MARKET STEADY		few	2.25
ex long	bunched 10s		CB Assorted Varieties	2.75-3.00
occas higher & lower	CA	4.00-5.00	PROTEA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	
long	few higher		per stem	
med	CB		CA King	6.50-7.00
short	80 cm	4.75	few	5.50
GLADIOLA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	few	5.00	Queen	7.00
per bunch	70 cm	4.50-5.00	few	6.50
CA Standard Type	50 cm	3.00	Pink Mink	2.00-2.50
MX Standard Type	LILIES: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		QUEEN ANNE'S LACE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	
mostly	per bunch		per bunch	
NL Standard Type	MX Asiatic Type		CA	4.50-5.50
occas lower	Various Varieties	10.00-10.50	few	6.00
GODETIA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	few	9.50	ROSE, HYBRID TEA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY	
per bunch	NL Asiatic Type		per stem	
CA	Various Varieties	12.00-12.50	CA Asstd Colors Incl Red	
occas lower	few	11.50	26 inch & lng	.90-.95
GYPSOPHILA: MARKET ABOUT STEADY			few higher	
per bunch			22-26 inch	.85-.90
CB Perfecta			few higher	
occas higher				

18-22 inch	.80-.85	STATICE (LIMONIUM): MARKET ABOUT STEADY
few higher		per bunch
14-18 inch	.75-.80	CA Sinuata 3.00-4.00
few higher		mostly 3.50-3.75
CB Assorted Colors		Seafoam 2.75-3.50
70 cm	.85-.90	occas higher
few higher		
60 cm	.80-.85	MX Sinuata 3.00
few higher		STEPHANOTIS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY
50 cm	.75	per bloom
few higher		CA .50-.60
Red Varieties		few higher
Madame Del Bard		STOCK: MARKET ABOUT STEADY
80 cm	.65	bunched 10s
few higher		CA Spray Type 6.50-7.00
70 cm	.65	occas higher
few higher		SUNFLOWER: MARKET ABOUT STEADY
60 cm	.50-.55	per bunch
few higher		CB Various Varieties 6.50
50 cm	.50-.55	few 5.50
few higher		occas lower
MX Red Varieties		bunched 5s
Charlotte		CA Various Varieties 4.00-4.50
70-80 cm	.75	few lower
few higher		bunched 10s
50-60cm	.50-.65	CA Medium Head Varieties 3.75-4.00
few higher		Miniature Type 5.00-5.50
Classy		SWEET WILLIAM: MARKET STEADY
70-80 cm	.75	per bunch
few higher		CA 4.50
60 cm	.65	TUBEROSE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY
few higher		bunched 10s
50 cm	.50	CA 7.50-8.00
few higher		MX 7.50
Madame Del Bard		NL 7.75
70-80 cm	.90-.95	TULIPS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY
few higher		bunched 10s
60 cm	.80-.85	CA Standard Type 5.50-6.50
few higher		Parrot Type
50 cm	.60	med 12.50
40 cm	.50-.55	French Type 12.00
few higher		few higher
ROSE, SWEETHEART: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		MX Standard Type 5.00-5.50
per stem		French Type 12.00
CA 14 inch & Ingr	.50-.55	few higher
occas higher & lower		NL Standard Type 4.50-5.00
CB 14 inch & Ingr	.50-.55	French Type 15.00
occas lower		occas lower
SNAPDRAGON: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		bunched 5s
bunched 10s		NL Parrot Type
CA long 7.00-7.50		Assorted Colors 5.50-6.00
NL long 8.50		few 7.00
few lower		WAXFLOWER: MARKET STEADY
SOLIDASTER: MARKET STEADY		per bunch
per bunch		CA Assorted Colors 6.00-7.00
CA 6.00-6.50		mostly 6.50
		few lower
STAR OF BETHLEHEM/ORNITHOGALUM: MARKET ABOUT STEADY		YARROW: MARKET ABOUT STEADY
bunched 10s		per bunch
CA Arabicum 6.50		CA Filipendulina (Yellow) 6.50-7.00
CB Arabicum 5.50		mostly 6.75
NL Arabicum		NL Filipendulina (Yellow) 6.00-6.50
med 4.50		occas higher

**SHIPPING POINT
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BASIS OR POINT OF
ENTRY EXCLUDING ALL
CHARGES FOR FREIGHT,
PROTECTIVE AND EXTRA
SERVICES**

**CENTRAL & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
COAST**

ALSTROEMERIA: DEMAND MODERATE
MARKET STEADY. bunched 10s Assorted
Colors No. 1 long 1.50-2.50 mostly 2.00-2.50
few 2.75-3.00 occas higher

GERBERA: DEMAND MODERATE
MARKET ABOUT STEADY. per stem
Standard Type Assorted Colors .28-.36 mostly
.30 few .38-.40 few .20-.22 Miniature Type
Assorted Colors .20-.30 occas higher

ROSE, HYBRID TEA: DEMAND FAIRLY
GOOD MARKET ASSORTED COLORS
HIGHER, KARDINALS ABOUT STEADY.

(Includes some non-hydroponic) per stem
Greenhouse Grown, Hydroponic Assorted
Colors 26 inch & Ingr .44-.48 few .56-.60
occas higher 22-26 inch .40-.48 few .56-.60
occas higher and lower 18-22 inch .36-.48
mostly .44-.48 occas volume sale, 18" &
longer, low as .28 Red Varieties Kardinal 26
inch & Ingr .40-.48 few .36-.38 occas .60-.62
22-26 inch .36-.44 few .48 occas lower 18-22
inch .28-.40 mostly .32-.40 occas .44-.48

ROSE, SPRAY TYPE: DEMAND FAIRLY
GOOD MARKET ABOUT STEADY.

bunched 10s Greenhouse Grown, Hydroponic
Assorted Colors 18 inch & Ingr 6.00-7.00
mostly 6.00 few 8.00 occas 5.00-5.50

ROSE, SWEETHEART: DEMAND
FAIRLY GOOD MARKET HIGHER. (Mostly
Hydroponic) per stem Assorted Colors 14 inch
& Ingr .28-.36 mostly .32-.36 few .38-.40
occas higher

CENTRAL COAST CALIFORNIA

CARNATIONS: DEMAND MODERATE
MARKET STEADY. per stem Assorted
Colors Fcy .18-.22 mostly .20-.22 few .24 Std
.16-.18 occas .22 Short .12-.14 occas .18

CARNATIONS, MINIATURE: DEMAND
FAIRLY GOOD MARKET HIGHER. per
bunch Assorted Colors 1.75-2.50 mostly 2.00-
2.50 occas 2.75-3.00

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: DEMAND
MODERATE MARKET STEADY. per stem
Standard assorted colors exlge .64-.72 lge .60-
.66 occas .59

IRIS, DUTCH TYPE: DEMAND FAIRLY
GOOD MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER.
bunched 10s Dark Blue Varieties long 2.00-
2.75 mostly 2.25-2.75 few 3.00

LARKSPUR (CONSOLIDA): SUPPLY
INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE

SNAPDRAGON: DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD MARKET ABOUT STEADY. bunched 10s long 3.50-4.00 few 4.50 occas 4.75 occas lower

STATICE (LIMONIUM): SUPPLY INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE

STOCK: DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT MARKET ABOUT STEADY. bunched 10s Double Varieties Assorted Colors long 2.00-2.50 few 2.75 occas 3.00-3.75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

GYPSOPHILA: DEMAND MODERATE MARKET ABOUT STEADY. per bunch Golan long 1.50-2.00 mostly 2.00 occas 2.25-3.25 (Includes few Gilboa)

IRIS, DUTCH TYPE: DEMAND MODERATE MARKET ABOUT STEADY. bunched 10s Dark Blue Varieties long 2.00-3.00 occas field grown 1.50

LARKSPUR (CONSOLIDA): DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD MARKET HIGHER. (Includes few Mexico) per bunch long 2.50-3.50 occas 1.75

POMPONS: DEMAND MODERATE MARKET STEADY. per bunch Greenhouse Grown Assorted Varieties 1.45-1.50 mostly 1.50 occas 2.00

SNAPDRAGON: DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD MARKET HIGHER. bunched 10s long 3.50-4.00 mostly 3.50 few 3.00 occas field grown 1.75

STATICE (LIMONIUM): DEMAND LIGHT MARKET ABOUT STEADY. (Includes few Mexico) per bunch Sinuata Assorted Colors long 1.00-1.75 occas .90

STOCK: DEMAND MODERATE MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. (Includes occasional Mexico) bunched 10s Double Varieties Assorted Colors long 1.75-2.75 mostly 2.25-2.75 occas 3.00

SUNFLOWER: DEMAND MODERATE MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. (Includes few Mexico) bunched 5s long 1.25-1.75 few 2.50

IMPORTS THROUGH MIAMI

ALSTROEMERIA: SUPPLY IN TOO FEW HANDS TO ESTABLISH A MARKET.

ASTER: DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. per bunch Monte Casino white Sel 2.00-2.75 mostly 2.00-2.50 occas higher Novi Belgii Sel 2.00-2.75 mostly 2.50-2.60 occas higher

CARNATIONS: DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. per stem mothers day pack supply insufficient to quote pink Sel .18-.22 mostly .18-.20 occas higher and lower Fcy .17-.20 mostly .17-.18 occas higher and lower Std .15-.18 mostly .15-.16 occas higher and lower white Sel .18-.20 occas lower Fcy .16-.19 occas lower Std .14-.16 occas lower Assorted Colors Sel .18-.20 mostly .18 occas higher Fcy .16-.18 mostly .16 occas higher Std .14-.15 mostly .14 occas higher

CARNATIONS, MINIATURE: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. per bunch mothers day pack supply insufficient to quote pink supply insufficient to quote white supply insufficient to quote Assorted Colors 2.10-2.50 occas higher

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET HIGHER. per stem Standard lge .39-.45 occas higher bunched 10s Disbud Spider assorted colors 2.67-3.10 mostly 2.67-3.00 occas higher

GERBERA: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET LOWER. per stem Large .34-.41 mostly .34-.35

GYPSOPHILA: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. per bunch Perfecta 2.75-3.50 mostly 2.75-3.25 occas higher Million Stars 3.70-4.50 mostly 3.70-4.00 occas higher

LIATRIS: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET LOWER. bunched 10s 90cm 2.50-3.10 mostly 2.50-2.75 occas higher 70cm 2.10-2.30 mostly 2.10-2.25 occas higher 50cm supply insufficient to quote

POMPONS: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. per bunch Asrtd Cushion-Daisy-Novelty Assorted Colors 1.55-1.65 occas higher and lower Cushion Type Assorted Colors 1.50-1.60 mostly 1.50-1.55 some 1.40 occas higher Daisy Type Assorted Colors 1.60-1.70 mostly 1.60-1.65 occas higher and lower

ROSE, HYBRID TEA: DEMAND ASSORTED COLORS GOOD, RED VARIETIES VERY LIGHT. MARKET RED VARIETIES LOWER, ASSORTED COLORS ABOUT STEADY. per stem Assorted Colors 70-80cm .28-.36 mostly .30-.33 occas higher 50-60cm .22-.28 mostly .24-.28 occas higher and lower 40cm .18-.22 mostly .18-.20 occas higher Red Varieties Charlotte 70-80cm .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occas higher 50-60cm .15-.24 mostly .15-.20 occas higher 40cm .10-.15 mostly .12-.14 occas higher Classy 70-80cm .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occas higher 50-60cm .15-.20 mostly .15-.18 occas higher 40cm .10-.15 mostly .11-.13 occas higher Madame Del Bard 70-80cm .20-.24 mostly .20-.23 occas higher 50-60cm .13-.20 mostly .15-.18 occas higher 40cm .10-.13 mostly .10-.11 occas higher

ROSE, SPRAY TYPE: SUPPLY INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE.

SOLIDAGO: DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. per bunch 2.32-2.75 mostly 2.50-2.70 few low as 1.80 occas higher

STATICE (LIMONIUM): SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. WIDE RANGE IN PRICE. per bunch Sinuata Assorted Colors supply insufficient to quote Purple supply insufficient to quote Limonium Hybrids Misty Blue 4.50-5.50 mostly 4.50-5.00 some low as 2.70-3.00